

AP Statistics  
Section 5.1B – Binomial Distribution

1. Which of the following are binomial experiments or can be reduced to binomial experiments?

- a. Surveying 100 people to determine if they like Sudsy Soap. YES
- b. Tossing a coin 100 times to see how many heads occur. YES
- c. Drawing a card from a deck and getting a heart. (no replacement) NO
- d. Asking 1000 people which brand of cigarettes they smoke. NO
- e. Testing 4 different brands of aspirin to see which brands are effective. NO
- f. Testing 1 brand of aspirin using 10 people to determine whether it is effective. YES
- g. Asking 100 people if they smoke. YES
- h. Checking 1000 applicants to see whether they were admitted to White Oak College. YES
- i. Surveying 300 prisoners to see how many different crimes they were convicted of. NO
- j. Surveying 300 prisoners to see whether this is their first offense. YES

2. A burglar alarm system has 6 fail-safe components that act independently. The probability of each failing is .05. Find the following probabilities.

- a. Exactly 3 will fail.  $P(X=3) = \text{binompdf}(6, 0.05, 3) = 0.0021$
- b. Fewer than 2 will fail.  $P(X < 2) = P(X \leq 1) = \text{binomcdf}(6, 0.05, 1) = 0.9$
- c. None will fail.  $P(X=0) = \text{binompdf}(6, 0.05, 0) = 0.7351$

3. If a student takes a 10-question multiple choice quiz with four choices for each question, find the probability of guessing at least 6 correct.

$$P(X \geq 6) = 1 - P(X \leq 5) = 1 - \text{binomcdf}(10, 0.25, 5) = 0.0197$$

4. In a Gallup survey, 90% of the people interviewed were unaware that maintaining a healthy weight could reduce the risk of stroke. If 15 people are selected at random, find the probability that at least 9 are unaware that maintaining a proper weight could reduce the risk of stroke.

$$P(X \geq 9) = 1 - P(X \leq 8) = 1 - \text{binomcdf}(15, 0.9, 8) = 0.9997$$

5. It was found that 60% of American victims of health care fraud are senior citizens. If 10 victims are randomly selected, find the probability that exactly 3 are senior citizens.

$$P(X=3) = \text{binompdf}(10, 0.6, 3) = 0.0425$$

6. Find the following probabilities for a sample of 9 children if 60% of them had German measles by the time they were 12 years old.

$$n = 9, p = 0.60$$

a. At least 5 have had German measles.

$$P(X \geq 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 4) = 1 - \text{binomcdf}(9, 0.6, 4) = 0.7334$$

b. Exactly 7 have had German measles.  $P(X=7) = \text{binompdf}(9, 0.6, 7) = 0.1612$

c. More than 3 have had German measles.

$$P(X > 3) = P(X \geq 4) = 1 - P(X \leq 3) = 1 - \text{binomcdf}(9, 0.6, 3) = 0.9006$$

7. Find the mean, variance, and standard deviation for the number of heads when 10 coins are tossed.

$$\mu_x = n \cdot p = (10)(0.5) = 5$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = (1.5811)^2 = 2.5$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{(n)(p)(1-p)} = \sqrt{(10)(0.5)(0.5)} = 1.5811$$

8. It has been reported that 83% of federal government employees use e-mail. If a sample of 200 federal government employees is selected, find the mean and standard deviation of the number of people who use e-mail.

$$p = 0.83$$

$$n = 200$$

$$\mu = 166$$

$$\sigma = 5.3122$$

9. For the data in #8, what is the probability that the number of people using e-mail will lie within one standard deviation of the mean? ~~Two standard deviations? Three standard deviations?~~

$$P(160.6878 \leq X \leq 171.3122)$$

$$P(161 \leq X \leq 171) = \text{binomcdf}(200, 0.83, 171) - \text{binomcdf}(200, 0.83, 160) = 0.69985$$

10. In a restaurant, a study found that 42% of all patrons smoked. If the seating capacity of the restaurant is 80 people, find the mean, variance and standard deviation for the number of patrons smoking.

$$\mu_x = 33.6$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = 19.488$$

$$\sigma_x = 4.4145$$

11. For the data in #10, what is the probability that the number of smokers will lie within 1.5 standard deviations of the mean?

$$P(26.978 \leq X \leq 40.22175)$$

$$P(27 \leq X \leq 40)$$

$$\text{binomcdf}(80, 0.42, 40) - \text{binomcdf}(80, 0.42, 26)$$

$$= 0.8877$$

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$$P(155.38 \leq X \leq 176.62)$$

$$P(156 \leq X \leq 176)$$

$$= 0.9526$$

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$$P(150.0634 \leq X \leq 181.936)$$

$$P(151 \leq X \leq 181)$$

$$= 0.9141$$